

Serial No.: 10/798,131
Fifth Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
Gibbons Docket No.: 105942-53917
(Former Docket No.: 5677-211)

Remarks

A. Amendments

1. Specification

The status of Ser. No. 10/212,973 has been updated.

2. Claims

Claims 59 and 68 have been amended to indicate that the phenolic hydroxyl groups of the bottom mer are unprotected. In Claim 59, the location of the optional halo group has been included.

In Claim 63 the compound used in the protecting step of Claim 63 is identified as p-methoxybenzyl chloride. See page 31, line 26 for the disclosure of this reagent.

The dependency of Claim 69 has been corrected.

Claim 70 has been amended to indicate that there are "middle mers" in the tetramer formed in step (g).

Claim 72 has been corrected to identify the higher oligomers as "pentamers through dodecamers", not "tetramers" which are covered in Claim 71.

Claim 78 has been amended to indicate the specific positions that are protected.

Claim 74 to 89 have been canceled.

B. Closing

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is presented.

C. Correspondence and Fees

In the event that any fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 03-3839.

Please address all correspondence to Intellectual Property Docket Administrator, Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, One Riverfront Plaza, Newark, NJ 07102-5497.

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Should there be any questions or other matters that may be resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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